

In his classic book on social psychology, *The Social Animal*, Dr. Aronson writes that, in order to grow, we must learn from our own mistakes. But if we are intent on reducing dissonance and finding comfort, we will not admit to our mistakes. Instead, we will sweep them under the rug, or worse still, we will turn them into virtues. He concludes by saying, (quote) "The memoirs of former presidents are full of these kind of self-serving, self-justifying statements . . ." (unquote)

That will not be the case for this President, nor this campus. Together, I trust that we will seek to foster a culture of leadership that is, above all, about learning. This culture is also about people, not person. I challenge each of us as leaders to become teacher learners. We are not only part of a culture of leadership—we are the culture itself. We are attracted to institutions like CSU San Marcos—faculty to teach, students to learn, presidents to help this process—because of values we find here or values we wish to bring here. New to this Valley of Discovery, I have learned that we must inculcate the value of shared leadership, of the leader as teacher learner, or we surely will not meet our collective challenge.

Soldiers came to this Valley searching for something they had lost, and they discovered a beauty that they had not known existed. The first homesteader found promise and developed a land of wine and honey. What is it we have come here to do? What have we yet to discover among the Twin Oaks?

Let me finish today by telling you the beginning of the story. The Spanish soldiers who arrived did not know the old indian legends about the land that they discovered. Overlooking our valley to the south is a mountain the Indians called Wee-la-me. It was here on that mountain, the legends said, that the indian Wind-Spirit brought the first students, Native Americans, to teach them together before they were divided into tribes. The most important lesson on the mountain, Wee-la-me, was learning the beauty of the Spirit, duty towards each other, and songs of love, of battle, and of death.

Change was not a good thing for those first settlers of the region. The legend says only that "the good spirits left them." But perhaps, through thinking again of our duty to each other, part of that good spirit may return to us. The duty of President, as I've tried to suggest, is not paternal. It is not about running the campus, nor supervising, and certainly not about dictating change. Our duties towards each other revolve around leading each other towards discovery, towards teaching and learning. The primary job of the University President is to foster that discovery, growth, and change, to ensure that we fulfill our duty to each other.

Honored guests, dear friends and colleagues, thank you again for the confidence you have placed in me. Let us continue to lead each other towards discovery.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

DEPARTMENTS OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000

SPEECH OF

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 1999

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2684) making appropriations for the Department of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes:

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Chairman, I urge my colleagues to support Representative FILNER's amendment to provide \$35.2 million for health care benefits for Filipino world War II veterans who were excluded from benefits by the Rescissions Acts of 1946. These veterans have service-connected disability benefits and currently live in the United States.

This is an issue of importance to the Filipino community both in San Francisco and around the nation. As I have testified before at previous House Committee hearings, one can not over emphasize the crucial role Filipinos played in the war. It is clear that the Philippines played a vital role in the outcome of the second world war. Countless Americans and Filipinos sacrificed their lives for their democratic beliefs. Historians credit the battle for the liberation of the Philippine Islands as the beginning of allied victory in the war. The courageous efforts of Filipino soldiers, scouts and guerrillas were central to allied victory in the Philippines, and therefore in the Pacific theater. Now in their time of need, they deserve our support.

In 1941, President Roosevelt, by way of an executive order, brought the Commonwealth Army of the Philippines under the command of the U.S. Armed Forces and in 1945, soldiers known as new or special scouts came under U.S. military command. Because U.S. law at the time dictated that any person serving actively in the military and not dishonorably discharged would be considered a veteran for benefit purposes, these Filipinos would have been eligible for full veterans benefits. However, shortly after World War II ended, Congress passed the Rescission Act of 1946, which revoked the full benefits eligibility of these soldiers, even though other Filipino soldiers who they fought side by side with, eventually became eligible. This Rescission Act is a scar on the historical record of the United States. In a time of war, we asked for and received the commitment of these Filipino soldiers to serve under U.S. authority. We should honor their military service on America's behalf.

While I appreciate the complexity of our federal budget and the benefits issue, it should be clear that this is a moral issue and an equity issue. I hope you will support giving these Filipino veterans the benefits that they deserve and support Representative FILNER's amendment.

September 9, 1999

TRIBUTE TO A GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD RECIPIENT

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 9, 1999

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to salute an outstanding young woman who has been honored with the Girl Scout Gold Award by Farthest North Girl Scout Council in Fairbanks, Alaska. She is: Alisa Pierson.

She is being honored for earning the highest achievement award in United States Girl Scouting. The Girl Scout Gold Award symbolizes outstanding accomplishments in the areas of leadership, community service, career planning and personal development. The award can be earned by young women aged fourteen through seventeen, or in grades nine through twelve.

Girl Scouts of the United States of America, an organization serving over 2.5 million girls, has awarded more than 20,000 Girl Scout Gold Awards to Senior Girl Scouts since the inception of the Gold Award program in 1980. To receive the award, a Girl Scout must earn four interest project patches, the Career Exploration Pin, the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award and the Girl Scout Challenge Pin, as well as design and implement a Girl Scout Award project. A plan for fulfilling these requirements is created by the Senior Girl Scout and is carried out through close cooperation between the Girl Scout and an adult Girl Scout volunteer.

As a member of the Farthest North Girl Scout Council, Alisa Pierson began working on her Gold Award Project during the summer of 1997. Alisa developed her time management and communication skills and then used them in the community by organizing and arranging a picnic at Alaskaland, an outdoor park in Fairbanks, for the residents of Denali Center, an organization that caters to senior citizens with special needs. She also volunteered her time at Fairbanks Community Hospital where she performed data entry for the Bio Medical Maintenance department. As a result of her accomplishments, Alisa developed greater leadership, organizational and planning skills. Her thoughtfulness also contributed widely to Fairbanks and its surrounding communities. I believe that Alisa should receive the public recognition due to her for these significant services to her community and her country.

IN TRIBUTE TO M.L. "LIN" KOESTER

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 9, 1999

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor my good friend M.L. "Lin" Koester, who will retire tomorrow as the Chief Administrative Officer for the County of Ventura, California.

Lin is one of those exceptional administrators whose special talent is recognizing, and